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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, References AA and AB are discussed at pages 5 and 1, respectively, of the present specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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